Rajasthan has been approved by the Government under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase V and is targeted for completion by December 2012. The work is expected to commence during 2008-09.

Sethu Samudram Project

2687. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of a recent report of Green Peace on Sethu Samudram Project;

(b) if so, the broad features and implications of the report for and against the project may be outlined;

(c) wether it is not a fact that the report is deadly against the project by listing a number of technical reasons with the final observation that the project would turn out to be a failure, spelling disaster for economy, environment and social fabric of India and Sri Lanka; and

(d) what are the unassailable, reliable, everlasting measures to get over such flaws and failures?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) No such report of Green Peace on Sethusamudram Ship Channel Project has been received by the Project authorities.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Work on NHs in J&K

2688. CHOWDHARY MOHAMMAD ASLAM: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of National Highways in the State of Jammu and Kashmir in which the work of widening has been going on;

(b) the amount spent on such works in the State during the last three years ending 31st March, 2007 so far, year-wise, particularly in the districts of Rajouri & Poonch; and

(c) the funds still required, as per Government estimate, in the completion of the works in hand and by when these works are likely to be completed, National Highway-wise?